(b) if so, the action of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter will be given due consideration at the appropriate time, keeping in view the totality of circumstances and other relevant factors.

Requirement of Inner Line Pass to enter Nagaland

388. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian citizen is required to obtain an Inner Line Pass for entering into the State of Nagaland;

(b) if so, since when this is in operation and who is the competent authority to issue the said pass; and

(c) what are the reasons for the aforesaid restriction and whether Government are contemplating to withdraw the restriction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Inner Line Pass is require to be obtained under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 (Regulation No. 5 of 1873) which came into force on 1st November, 1873. The competent authority to issue such passes is the Chief Executive Officer/Deputy Commissioner of the district concerned or such other officer as may be authorised to grant such passes.

(c) The provisions of the Regulations are meant for the protection of the interests of Scheduled Tribes in the State. No proposal to withdraw the restriction is under consideration.

Import and manufacture of Zirconium Oxide

389. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are importing zirconium oxide products for nuclear plants and nuclear research;

(b) if so, what is the value of such products imported during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government propose to manufacture zircon products in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Zirconium Oxide plant of the Department of Atomic Energy produces nuclear grade zirconium oxide which is further processed as zirconium sponge and zirealoy products.

Shooting and apprehending of Pak intruders

390. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of intruders from Pak who have ben shot dead or apprehended by the Indian para military forces during the last six months; and

(b) what is the number of terrorists nabbed by the police and how many of them were trained in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.